(b) if so, the allocations made for the purpose during 1992-93;

(c) whether Government also propose to liberalise its shipping policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the recent changes in the import-export policy of the Government, a proposal for reviving the shipbuilding industry in general and Hindustan Shipyard Limited and Cochin Shipyard Limited in particular is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The salient features of liberalisation may include relaxation in licencing to Indian Shipping Companies to operate on selected liner routes; Grant of freedom to ship owners for sale of ships and for applica tion of sale proceeds, after meeting out standing foreign exchange liabilities, for acquiring new ships; encouragement to medium sized shipyards to export fishing trawlers and smaller crafts; promotion of of ship repair facilities; encouragement to joint venture in ship building; liberalisation of procedures for acquisiton of vessels', encouragement to cross-border leasing of vessels; grant of permission to shipowner to mortgage ships abroad to raise foreign exchange resources etc.

मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग

355. श्री राघव जी : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन सी सड़कों को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग में परिवर्तित किये जाने की मांग की गई है,

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया है, और

(ग) वे कौन-कौन सी सड़कें हैं जिन्हें राजमार्गों में परिवर्तित किये जाने के प्रस्ताव अभी विचाराधीन हैं तथा इस संबंध में कब तक निर्णय ले लिये जाने की संभावना है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) एक विवरण संलग्न है (नीचे देखिए) ।

(ख) और (ग) राज्य सड़कों को नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रूप में घोषित करने से संबंधित कोई निर्णय आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना को अन्तिम रूप दिये जाने के बाद ही लिया जाएगा जो निधियों की उपलब्धता, राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों, नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के लिये निर्धारित मानदंडों को पूरा करने तथा अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर प्रत्येक सड़क को प्राप्त पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता इत्यादि पर निर्भर करता है । इसलिये, इस समय स्थिति बता पाना संभव नहीं है ।

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Congestion on National Highway Between Vijayawada and Guntur

356. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of vehicles plying on National Highway between Vija yawada and Guntur; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ease the congestion on this Highway ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As per traffic survey conducted by the State PWD in July, 1991, a total of 8450 vehicles (consisting of cars, buses trucks, motor cycles and animal drawn carts) were plying on this route.

(b) In due course, four-laning of this Sec tion will be taken up depending upon ac quisition of additional land wherever need ed, *inter see* priorities on all-India basis and availability of funds for four-laning during the 8th Plan which is yet to be finalised. As preparatory action, an esti mate for additional land in Km 394 to Km 434 was sanctioned for Rs. 160.50 JnVh.s in March, 1992-

Sub-Ways/Over Bridges for Pedestrians in Delhi

357. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

fa) whether any survey has been conducted in Delhi to identify areas with serious traffic hazards due to heavy rush of pedestrians crossing the roads during peak traffic hours;

(b) if so, the findings thereof and whether any schemes for construction of sub-ways or over-bridges for pedestrians have been or are being mooted ; if so, the details there of: and

(c) whether, such a sub-way or over bridge across the road between the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the Safdarjang, Hospital, is also proposed to be constructed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.